Yale College Feby 24th — 1779 —

Dear Sisters

I catch a moment, while all others are in their beds, to write you by the present opportunity — After leaving Lebanon, I arrived at Norwalk the same week — I had an agreeable ride in every respect, save the extreme cold. I expected to have been at New Haven a fortnight since, however the Vacation being lengthened for that term, I did not leave Norwalk till the last week — My situation there was as agreeable as any one I have had for a long time — The people are very friendly, & the family in which I lived are peculiarly clever. — I returned by the way of Redding & had a view of the Army in their winter quarters — 'Tis surprising to see their works — They appear like little towns springing up at once from nothing in the middle of a desert — They have prepared for themselves huts of logs, in wh. they are as warm & happy as kings in their statelist buildings — A solemn scene was transacted the day on which I happened there — Two poor criminals were executed — One was hanged & the other shot — The compassion of all the spectators seemed to be excited toward the latter in a high degree — He was a sprightly young lad of about nineteen — But some considerable share of rigour, I suppose must necessarily come into the constitution of a military Government. — I arrived at New-Haven Thursday eveng of the last week, & found the situation of College more promising than I feared — The Scholars are princip[illegible] collected, & I cannot but strongly hope that Provid[illegible] will open some door for our continuance together till the usual time breaking up of it in the 6th of May — You will present my Duty to my Father, my best regards to all my Friends, & expect to hear from me by every opportunity. Must present — I am Dear Sister with Sincere Affection & Esteem

Your Brother
Wm Robinson

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to 3 pecks of rye April 30th 1804 0..3..0
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To 2 bushel of corn Febr 27th

Miss Polly & Lydia Robinson
Lebanon

Joseph

To 2 bushel of corn February 27th 1797	£0..9..0
to 1 bushel & 1/2 of rye January 9th 1799	0..7..6
to 1 bushel of buck wheat Nov 5th 99	0..3..6
to 1 bushel of winter apples date 12th 180	0..1..6
to 9 quarts of white beans Jan 11th 1801	0..3..9
to 1 bushel & 1/2 of rye Nov 13	0..7..6
to 3 pecks of rye Sep 4th 1802	0..3..6
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to ditto April 4th 1803	0..4..6

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